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Sandigan orders BDO to deliver Velarde money

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE SANDIGANBAYAN ANTIGRAFT court has finally ended the competing claims over certain assets in the "Jose Velarde" account of deposed President Joseph Estrada, ruling that P189.7 million from the multibillion account be turned over to it.

In a ruling dated Sept. 24 and released last Thursday, the court ordered

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GURGLING, GORGEOUS GORGE Every time typhoons storm through Benguet, it is water from this spillway of Ambuklao Dam which traverses down to the lowlands of Pangasinan.

Bailout deal breaks up

GMA arrives today from 5-day US trip

By Fe Zamora and Christine O. Avendaño

NEW YORK—PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo told a high-level global forum that while economic turmoil has threatened the Philippine's poverty alleviation programs, she remains confident that structural reforms and the Filipino people's resilience will help the country survive the crisis.

Speaking at the roundtable discussion on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for 2015, Ms Arroyo said on Thursday (Friday in Manila) that her government has already made "solid gains" midway to the 2015 target.

The MDGs, which was agreed upon

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WOMEN POWER President Arroyo hails women leaders the world over at the Women Leaders' Working Group breakfast hosted by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (standing, left). Beside her is Finland President Tarja Halonen.

Rare White House summit ends bitterly in shouting match

WASHINGTON—A REPUBLICAN REBELLION STALLED government efforts Thursday to avoid economic meltdown, a chaotic turnaround that disrupted the choreography of an extraordinary White House meeting meant to show joint resolve from the president, the political parties and the presidential candidates.

Instead, the summit broke up so bitterly that Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson got on one knee before Democratic leaders in a theatrical attempt to salvage talks.

After six days of bare-knuckled negotiations on the $700-billion financial industry bailout proposed by the Bush administration, with Wall Street teetering and presidential politics intruding six weeks before the election, there was far more confusion than clarity.

An apparent breakthrough was announced with fanfare at midday by key members of Congress from both parties—but not top leaders. Wall Street cautiously showed its pleasure, with the Dow Jones industrials closing 196 points higher.

But the good news and the market close were followed by a rash of less-positive developments.

Washington Mutual Inc. was seized by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in the largest failure ever of a US bank,

BAILOUT/A11

WaMu, biggest bank ever to fail in US history

NEW YORK—AS THE DEBATE OVER A $700-billion bank bailout rages on in Washington, one of the nation's largest banks—Washington Mutual Inc.—has collapsed under the weight of its enormous bad bets on the mortgage market.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. seized WaMu on Thursday and then sold the thrift's banking assets to JPMorgan Chase & Co. for $1.9 billion.

Seattle-based WaMu, which was founded in 1889, is the largest bank to fail by far in the country's history. Its $307 billion in assets eclipse the $40 billion of Continental Illinois National Bank, which failed in 1984, and the

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Court told Jamby no heir to aunt's wealth

By DJ Yap

THE EXECUTORS OF THE WILL OF the late Consuelo "Chito" Madrigal-Collantes are trying to block moves by her niece, Sen. Jamby Madrigal, to stake a claim to properties that are not covered in Collantes' will.

In a Sept. 23 motion, lawyers representing Collantes' executors, Perry Pe and Aurelio Montinola III, said Madrigal had no legal personality to intervene in the legal proceedings concerning Collantes' estate.

They asked a Makati court to ex-

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Loren to MILF: Let me be 'Angelina Jolie'

By Gil Cabacungan

SEN. LOREN LEGARDA SAID SHE COULD BE "Angelina Jolie" to Muslim rebels in conflict-torn Mindanao but sorry, there was no Brad Pitt waiting in the wings.

This was Legarda's reaction to the appeal by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) to the Hollywood actress, who is also goodwill ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner for

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BFAD releases list of 54 milk products for testing

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE BUREAU OF FOOD AND DRUGS yesterday finally released a partial list of 54 milk and milk-based products from China which it said would be subject to testing, a day after it issued an order temporarily banning such products coming from the Chinese mainland.

The list also included products which the BFAD said were manufactured outside China but possibly had milk ingredients sourced from China.

The list which BFAD issued contained names of famous brands like Nestle chocolate flavor ice cream cone, M&M chocolate and Snickers.

The products on the list would be tested for the presence of the industrial chemical melamine, which was found in milk products in China. Four children have died and about 50,000 others have fallen ill in China after drinking milk tainted with melamine.

Department of Health officials gave conflicting answers when asked if all

BFAD RELEASES/A11

It's still a mall world for the A-B sectors

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Entertainment

WHILE MANY PEOPLE ARE scrimping owing to hard times, theater-owners say they are still drawing full houses if the movie is a good one.

After all, for most people, especially those who belong to the A-B sectors, movie-watching remains the cheapest form of entertainment, says Ric Camaligan, vice president for operations of SM Leisure Group, which operates the country's largest cinema chain.

"The A-B market is still very capable of watching movies," Camaligan told the Inquirer. "Film buffs would even watch two movies a week."

Those in the lower income groups, Camaligan says, could watch only one movie a week. "They would prior-

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Inquirer Editor: Jose Y. Santiago Jr.

RP-US mark 50 years defense ties

By Nikko Dizon

EXPECT AMERICAN SOLDIERS to stay on despite protests against their extended presence in Mindanao.

Yesterday, ranking Filipino and American military officials marked the 50th year of the Mutual Defense Board with the signing of agreements on joint activities concerning counterterrorism, civil-military operations and military exercises. See In the Know on Page A8.

US Adm. Thomas Keating told reporters in Camp Aguinaldo that the two countries had

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SALUTE TO MUTUAL DEFENSE Adm. Timothy Keating, commander of the US Pacific Command, receives arrival honors on arrival at Camp Aguinaldo. Beside him is Brig. Gen. Ireneo Espino.

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PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO WILL PRESIDE over the turnover today of the Philippine National Police (PNP) command from the retiring PNP Chief Director General Avelino Razon to his successor, PNP Deputy Director General for Administration Jesus Verzosa.



RAZON



VERZOSA

Top-level PNP reshuffle looms

Solon claims whopping P120-B 'bukol' in DPWH

DPWH exec gets to keep P16M

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By TJ Burgonio



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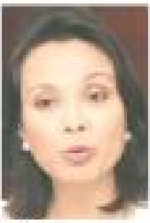
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National parents congress ongoing

THE THREE-DAY 2ND NATIONAL PARENTS Congress, hosted by the Parents of Visually Impaired Children (Pavic), started yesterday at the [illegible] Hotel in Quezon City.

The theme of the congress is "Hand in Hand, Building Bridges." The conference brings together parents, teachers, educators of visually impaired children from all over the Philippines to discuss issues, difficulties encountered in the education [illegible] of children.

"We hope, through collaboration with Department of Education, other different agencies of government, and other civic societies, we can ... build a better future for our children," Pavic said in a press statement.

Also invited to the conference are parents from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, India and the United States to share their experiences of advocacy for their visually impaired children.

The event is being held in partnership with Resources for the Blind, Philippines. The major sponsors are Christoffel Blinden Mission, Germany; Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts, USA; the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and Procter & Gamble, Philippines.

The first national parents congress, also hosted by Pavic, was in November [illegible] with a total of 148 participants from all over the country.

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Across the NATION

8 NPA rebels, 3 soldiers slain in Surigao

By Franklin Caliguid
Inquirer Mindanao

BUTUAN CITY—AT LEAST EIGHT NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA) rebels and three soldiers were killed following a military operation against three rebel encampments in Lingig, Surigao del Sur yesterday, the local military commander said.

Gabriela member in Negros nabbed for robbery raps

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas



MAGUINDANAO FLOOD
Residents make their way through floodwaters in Poblacion Datu Piang, Maguindanao.

2 students dead in explosion in North Samar

By Rachel Arnaiz
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Japanese, 2 Pinoys nabbed for oil scam

Marines recover bomb in Lamitan

Agusan Sur now free of malaria

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PUPILS of the Gadgaran Elementary School in Calbayog City do their research and assignments using the computer laboratory.

Village school goes high tech

By Ronnie Labre
Calbayog City

EVERY MONDAY MORNING, 10-year-old Noviane G. Ale is eager to attend her computer class at the Gadgaran Elementary School in Calbayog City and get a chance to play "Xbox" and other educational PC games during the week.

Ale's school in Barangay Gadgaran, has its own computer laboratory—with 11 computers having Internet access. Its 200 pupils and all the teachers are taught basic computer literacy. Its "modern" facility is now the envy of other city schools in Calbayog and the source of pride of its teachers, pupils and community.

"I like computers because it helps me in my study," Ale, a Grade V pupil, says.

Gadgaran is a depressed village situated five kilometers from the city proper, which is 180 km north of Tacloban City, the regional center of Eastern Visayas.

The computer laboratory is unique in its design. The general layout resembles an Xbox video console of Microsoft, with an "x" raised walkway. Another "x" suspended from the ceiling illuminates the whole room with bright green light.

The four triangular ground areas are divided into the Mathematics, Science, Arts, and Entertainment and Communications sections, which were all painted in orange, green, blue and yellow—the four colors of the Microsoft logo.

The computers are equipped with the latest educational software donated by Microsoft Corp.

American donor

David Danbury, an American who works with the US computer giant, designed and supervised the construction of the computer laboratory in August 2007. He also donated educational software materials, two TV sets, an LCD projector and an electric guitar and drum set, as well as the latest computer programs.

The laboratory is using Microsoft Vista, but Danbury promised the school that when he visits the village again next year, he would bring along a Microsoft Windows 7, which has not even come out of the global market yet, Teresa Villa, the school principal, said in an interview.

What was then a small school in a depressed village began to change in 2005 when it shared a vision of a "Modern and High Performing School" with the city school division. The community and the school worked together to achieve the goal.

In one of the meetings of the teachers and parents, Villa was told by a parent that an alumnus, Anito Olsanes, was a friend of Microsoft's Danbury, according to the campus publication "Kasoy."

Villa immediately contacted Olsanes and requested him to ask his friend to possibly donate a computer set. She also wrote a letter to Danbury.

Scholarship grants

In September 2005, Danbury and Olsanes visited the village, bringing along the donation. During his 13-day stay the American discussed with Villa the situation not only of the school but also of the entire community.

"We asked him to provide the school with a scholarship program. He gave us fund for school supplies, school uniforms and for the supplementary so that the parents won't be spending anymore," Villa said in a recent interview.

At first, Danbury provided 148 scholarship grants, but this has now increased to 200. He extended the program to high school students who are alumni, Villa said.

He also provided financial support to address the malnutrition problem in Gadgaran.

Since Danbury started helping, the school's dropout rate declined to zero, the academic performance of the pupils greatly improved, and there were no cutting of classes and unnecessary absences among the pupils, Villa said.

"He is a philanthropist. His heart is really with the poor," she said. Thankful for his generosity, the school and community declared Danbury an "adopted son of Gadgaran."

Thanks to Gates, too

The school is also grateful to Microsoft founder Bill Gates. In fact, it has been "doubly lucky" because for every amount that Danbury donates, Microsoft, as a policy to its donor employees, matches it.

Arthur Badon, an Information and Communication Technology teacher, says pupils and teachers from Grade 1 to Grade 6 were being taught basic computer literacy.

The teachers attend computer class from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily during school days. The pupils have their own classes twice a week and a film showing every Friday afternoon. They also do computer-aided research work during their vacant period, lunch time or after classes.

The ABS-CBN Foundation also donated educational video shows on Science, Math and English, Badon says.

Incentive

He, however, clarifies that the basic computer literacy course is not included in the school curriculum, and that the students do not earn grades from the computer lessons. They earn points in quizzes, assignments and exams, and when they accumulate a total of 50 points, they are allowed a one-hour free use of the computer lab as incentive, including playing Xbox and PC games.

Gadgaran is just an ordinary, poor village, but its children now have access to a bright future with the help of new technologies.



COMPUTER dream: teachers and students pass via gate of the Gadgaran Elementary School in Calbayog City, Samar.

Negros couple turns hobby into thriving wine business

By Carla P. Gomez
Bacolod City

ALL NATURAL, ORGANIC wine made from handpicked local fruits and processed fresh.

That is what a Negros-based winemaker and his wife are passionate about. They have turned a hobby into a thriving "backyard" industry that is finding a niche in the organic market in Negros Occidental.

Federico Barrera, 68, is a research plant pathologist/microbiologist who met his wife, Aurora, while they were both studying at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños (UPLB) in Laguna in the 1970s. Aurora, 59, is a plant breeder.

Barrera, today works as a consultant of the Philippine Sugar Research Institute Foundation Inc. in the Victorias mill district in northern Negros Occidental.

In 2006, he was cited by the UPLB Alumni Association in Negros for "spearheading the intensified distribution of high-yielding sugarcane varieties complemented with transfer of technology and his innovative entrepreneurship with his production of wine in Negros."

Aurora said when she first met Federico while they were studying at UPLB he already had a passion for making wine. He did it as a hobby, she said.

Gifts

From their college years up to their transfer to Negros Occidental in 1974, Federico made wine to drink with friends or to give as gifts, she said.

Then when their eldest son, Willie, got married in 2004, Federico decided to make wine as giveaways in the wedding reception and to serve to the guests, she said.



FEDERICO Barrera started producing wine as giveaways during his college days.

The guests loved the wine and urged the couple to go commercial.

So, what was just a hobby became business.

The couple bought berries growing wild from the farms of residents living in villages in northern Negros Occidental and started what is now known as "Federico's Island Wines."

Today, the couple produces "bignay" and "duhat" wines.

Fermentation

Their wines are for those who believe in healthy living because they are made through natural fermentation with no chemical preservatives, artificial color or flavor, Federico said.

Red wines are also good for the heart, he added.

Their "duhat" wine is slightly sweet, light and smooth to the taste buds.

The clean and light reddish purple to brownish purple Duhat wine has a 12 percent alcohol content from natural fermentation, Federico said.

Duhat (Syzygium cumini (Linn)) is known as "lomboy" in Ilonggo, or java plum, black or purple plum or Indian black berry in English.

It is popular in folk medicine and in the pharmaceutical trade as an astringent, carminative and diuretic, Federico said, making wine made from it medicinal, too.

The "bignay" wine has a rich fruity flavor and aroma that is very slightly sweet and leaves a slightly bitter aftertaste. It has about 15 percent alcohol and is clear and dark plum in appearance.

It is made of berries from the "Antidesma bunius" or "bignay" tree, which is also known as "bugnay" in Negros.

"Bignay" is also known as Chinese laurel, currant tree and salamander tree.

Its fruits are also eaten raw or made into tokens, jams or jellies. Fruit extracts have also been used as materials for food supplements rich with antioxidants, he said.

Pineapple

The Barreras are now working on tapping the rich supply of pineapples in Negros for another kind of wine they plan to put in the market by next year.

Pineapple wine has a sweet aroma with a slightly sour and fruity flavor, Federico said.

It has about 10 percent alcohol and is clear and golden yellow in appearance when mature, he said.

Last year, the couple said they produced 7,000 bottles of their "duhat" and "bignay" wines.

People have bought our wine to give as corporate gifts, to serve at weddings and other special occasions, and as "pasalubong," Aurora said.

"We know there is a growing market for organic wines and this is where we also find our niche," she said.

Aplus METRO

Ynares says landfill closure illegal

Rodriguez dump open to Metro trash despite resistance from local gov't

THE 19-HECTARE SANITARY LANDFILL IN RODRIGUEZ, Rizal province is open to garbage from Metro Manila, as far as the provincial government is concerned.

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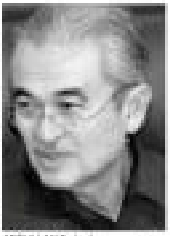
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DMITRY Medvedev (left) meets Hugo Chavez in Orenburg on Friday.

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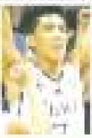
Pakistani, US troops trade gunfire

Latest border clash further strains ties between 2 antiterror allies

ISLAMABAD—PAKISTAN WARNED US TROOPS not to intrude on its territory on Friday after the two antiterror allies traded fire along the Afghan border, straining already tense ties.

Islamabad steps up fight vs militants, kills 25 in fighting along Afghan border

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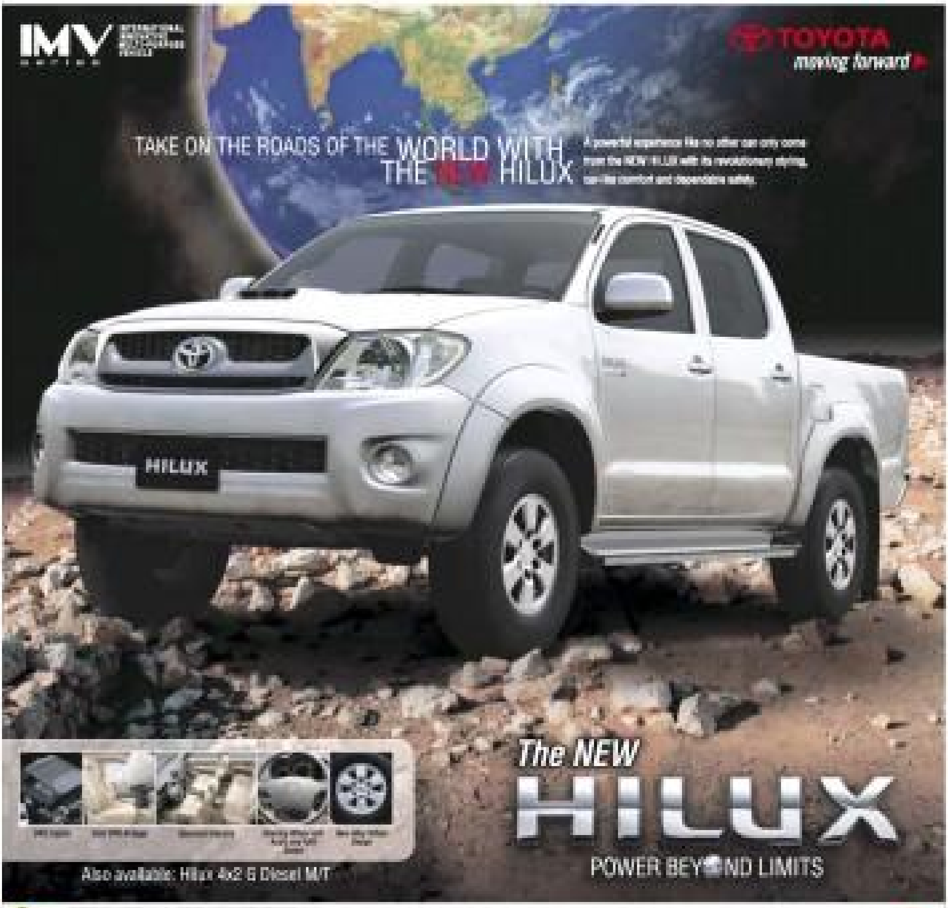


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Belle group sells 45% stake in racetrack firm

Quisumbing, Puyat pay P18M for purchase

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lazaro

LEISURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPER Belle Corp. and its 40-percent owned unit Sinophil Corp. have agreed to sell a combined 45-percent stake in Metro Manila Turf Club Inc., the holder of a horse racing franchise.

Belle corporate secretary Jaquet Tan said Belle and Sinophil have entered into a memorandum of agreement with a group of horse owners and aficionados led by Norberto Quisumbing and Antonio Puyat to sell the 45-percent equity interest to MMTC for P18 million.

Puyat is a stockholder of Philippine Racing Club. Quisumbing is the chair of Norkis, the distributor of Yamaha motorcycles in the Philippines.

MMTC is 75-percent owned by Belle and 30 percent by Sinophil. The sale will trim their combined stake to 30 percent.

MMTC holds a 25-year horse racing congressional franchise for the City of Cabuyao or anywhere within the provinces of Batangas, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal under Republic Act No. 7978, as amended by Republic Act No. 8286.

"What is important to us is that the horse racing franchise will get to be used," Tan said.

MMTC was incorporated in 1995. It obtained its congressional franchise in 1995. It is still in its pre-operating stage.

MMTC has 121 hectares of land in Tanauan, Batangas, that was originally intended as the site for a racetrack. However, there has been no construction activity on the land. MMTC later returned the land pro rata to Belle and Sinophil for their investments and deposits into the company.

PLDT offers mobile service in Italy

By Riza T. Olchondra

THE INTERNATIONAL SALES AND marketing arm of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., PLDT Global Corp., has teamed up with foreign partners to launch mobile services in Italy.

PLDT Global and its subsidiary PLDT Italy Srl announced on Friday that they have signed agreements with Hutchison Global Communications and H3G SpA to be able to operate as a mobile virtual network operator.

PLDT will offer mobile services under the brand "Smart Pinoy." PLDT spokesperson Ramon Isberto said in a text message that Smart Pinoy would be launched in Milan and Rome early next month, by which time Filipinos in Italy can start subscribing to the service.

Using the platform of PLDT's wireless services arm Smart Communications Inc., Smart Pinoy will offer electronic loading and sharing of prepaid airtime credits, as well as affordable rates for international calls and SMS from Italy to the Philippines.

The foreign partners, meanwhile, will enable Smart Pinoy to offer popular services in Italy such as video calling and video streaming.

In the future, Smart Pinoy will also allow remittance using of the mobile phone.

PLDT Global is the marketing arm of PLDT, the Philippines' leading telecommunications group. Its Hong Kong mobile operator called 1528 Smart was launched in 2004 and is now a leading provider in the community.

Hutchison Global owns and operates an extensive fiber-to-the-building telecommunications network in Hong Kong. H3G SpA operates as a mobile media company that offers media services, internet, and telephone services enabling live video calls, multimedia content, and entertainment in Italy.

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inventory, at any given time, an inventory equivalent to 15 days of national consumption. A 30-day buffer stock is required during the lean months from July to September.

The national stockpile, which includes household and commercial stocks, may even rise to as much as 68-90 days worth of consumption. National daily consumption is pegged at 33,338 tons.

"The lean months are about to end and we're nearing the peak of harvests in October and November, so we will concentrate more of our efforts in local palay buying," he said.

With the standing order to procure a million tons of palay from farmers, however, he said that they could push further the volume to 2 million tons, an earlier stated by Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap.

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cial institutions, however, is expected to siphon off a lot of funds from Asia which, in turn, is seen to support the dollar's bottoming out against major global currencies after a seven-year downtrend.

Based on the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' latest report, there was a net outflow of "hot money" or foreign investments in local stocks, bonds and bond products in the first two weeks of September. The foreign portfolio outflow during the period amounted to $152.98 million, bringing the January to mid-September net outflow to $362.48 million, in a sharp reversal of the $1.44 billion net inflow in the same period last year.

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Local generics in growth mode

RP-made products making headway

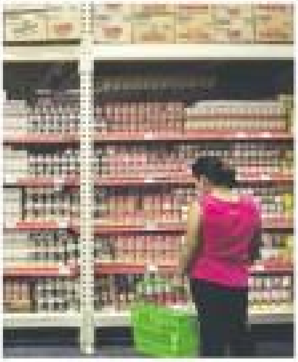
Takeover talks on Philam 'speculative,' says Cuisia

By Doris C. Dumlao

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SCIENCE/HEALTH

Experts unite to press for kids' vaccination vs rabies

By Charles E. Buban

FOR TOMORROW'S celebration of World Rabies Day, the country's leading pediatric infectious disease experts have begun a nationwide campaign to promote preventive rabies vaccination among children aged 5 to 14.

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POSTER of this year's campaign against rabies

Women, have a heart for your own health

By Rafael R. Castillo

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MEDICAL FILES

Erroneous notion

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Generate more awareness

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Pinoy invents unsinkable rescue boat

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THIS FOAM-FILLED boat can maintain almost full buoyancy and accomplish its rescue mission even when severely damaged.

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Making healthcare workers safe from Hepatitis B



By Charles E. Buban

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More infectious

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No complete cure yet

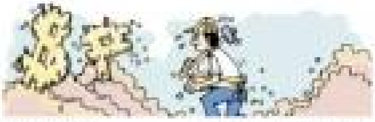
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PROPERTY

Despite crisis RP developers still hopeful

By Charles E. Buban



BUILDING HOUSES MUST go on despite the prevailing turbulence in the financial markets.

This was somehow the message of some of the country's developers in reaction to the crisis that is currently enveloping global financial markets.

"Of course, we are worried about big, traditional banks and insurance companies going bankrupt or getting taken over. But this should not distract us from our mission of providing shelter to millions of Filipinos who still do not have a home of their own," said Eduardo Aliño, national president of the Subdivision and Housing Developers Association Inc., the largest organization of real estate developers in the country.

Based on the 2004-2010 Medium Term Philippine Development Plan, the country still need 3.756 million units.

With the government promising to provide a third of the units required or 1.245 million units, the remaining 2.6 million units will be left to the private sector (developers of socialized and low-cost housing).

Demand still high

In fact, local developers said the demand for properties, especially from the upper and middle sector, is still high.

"In fact, sales of condominium units increased because of the accessibility and the convenience they provide (easy on commute) and the fact that cost of transportation has gone up," noted Roy Cabida, president of [illegible] Residences Builders Inc., whose project include the East Residences [illegible] condominium properties in [illegible] City.

He added that homebuyers would rather live near their workplace or at times choosing a smaller house so they could spend less for its maintenance as well as electrical and water expenses.

Even those developments outside Metro Manila continue to get buyers.

"At this point in time, developers like us are just becoming more conscious of our market, offering them options that will enable them to pay the amortization," explained Romulo Alvarez, chair of PA Alvarez Properties and Development Corp., which offers several developments in the provinces of Laguna and Cavite.

He noted that the relatively low price of properties in the Philippines is still enough reason for more homebuyers to shop.

"We are also encouraged by the fact that the government is supporting us by granting tax holidays and zero duty on importation of capital goods, especially on our low-cost mass housing projects," he said.

Alvarez was referring to the tax perks that the Board of Investments has provided to PA Alvarez's P424.88 million low-cost, mass housing projects, namely, Phase 1 and 2 of St. Joseph Village located in Barangay Langgam.

Housing units offered within the 13.15-hectare projects are priced between P400,000 and P750,000.

Banking on OFWs

"Aside from locally based homebuyers, we are also banking on overseas Filipino workers who continue to bring in their money despite the rising exchange rate. For them, putting their hard-earned money to buy homes for their family is still a better investment," Alvarez said.

Remittances are expected to reach about $15.61 billion (P737.1 billion) by the end of 2008 since $8.2 billion (P387 billion) has been sent home in the first six months of 2008.

"We should support the OFWs as well as the building of [illegible] priced to low-cost housing, which the families of these OFWs cater to. A mass housing project has a multiplier effect of 14.6, which means that for every peso invested in a housing project, P14.60 worth of investments in related industries are also generated," Alvarez explained.

He added that even as the crisis is still unraveling, everything will stabilize in due course and that policymakers here in Asia are in a better position to cope as they have already taken some of the early lessons from the past crisis.

Tierra Nevada attests to Camella's record as 'paborito ng pamilyang pinoy'



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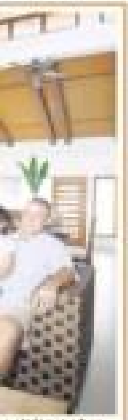


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New laptops to die for

By Ruby de Vera
Contributor

TODAY'S GADGETS should not only be multifunctional, they should reflect the personality of their users. While topnotch features are still a priority in choosing gadgets, how stylish they look are also a consideration.

Last Sept. 17, Dell launched its latest offering for the computing world – the new Studio Hybrid, Studio Laptops, and the very portable Inspiron Mini 9. The event was held at the Apple Park Tent in Makati, and was hosted by Iya Yotoko of Digital Tour.

Colors are definitely in, as the Studio Laptops are offered in six colors – Plum Purple, Tangerine Orange, Flamingo Pink, Midnight Blue, Ruby Red, Spring Green and Jet Black.

But before you think that they're all about the appearance, the new laptops are more than meet the eye.

The Studio series have built-in webcam, slot load drives, capacitive touch media control buttons and mobile broadband. Available in 15 and 17-inch displays, it also offers optional features such as the Blu-Ray DiscTM, mercury-free LED displays, and fingerprint readers.

For Internet surfing on the go, the Inspiron Mini 9 was especially designed to be the ultimate device for people who can't seem to get off the Net. Weighing only a little more than a kilo and with an 8.9 inch LED display, you can just pop it inside your bag like a book.

The Inspiron Mini 9 comes with a built-in webcam, WiFi, Dell Video Chat, and Bluetooth technology for easy wireless connection with other gadgets. What's more, the Mi-

NEW LAPTOPS/C2



CANDY-COLORED laptops from Dell





Gamer girls

In the world of video games, they're 'one of the boys'

By Adrian M. Uy

ONCE UPON A TIME, video games were seen as a "boys only" thing. [illegible]

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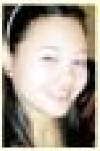
What was the first video game you remember playing?

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78 qualify for 'Race the Route'

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What gets the super Good Times Gang going every morning?



DJ MOJO Jojo

WAKING UP IN the morning of a weekday is no longer an ordeal for those who tune in to the Good Times Gang's early morning show on Magic 89.9. With the show's signature talk radio format, the trio of DJs Mo Twister, Mojo Jojo, and Grace Lee have brought to local FM radio an early-morning program that has given listeners a welcome boost to start the day with its off-the-wall games, contests and conversations.

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DJ GRACE Lee



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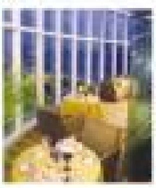




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RUDE LIFESTYLE

So far, so Wood

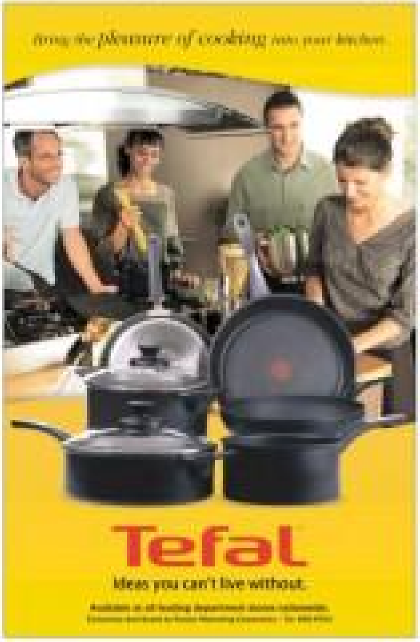
By Adrian Dy



PETER BULL of Norwegian Recycling

Mashups are, at the very base level, the a capella of one song, laid over the instrumentals of another

Bull talk





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CYNTHIA'S daughter Mhay in a lighthearted moment at the Montecito tableau

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"My husband totally believes in Ayala projects. He will not consider any other," Says Cynthia Alejo, wife and owner of three Ayala-branded properties: Ayala Heights, where she resides with her husband; a weekend home in Ayala Greenfield Estates; and a two-bedroom unit at Serendra East Tower for her daughters.

Like Cynthia, special clients were treated to an exclusive lifestyle exhibit that showcased the different Ayala Land Premier properties of the South: Abrio, Montecito, Ayala Westgrove Heights & Ayala Greenfield Estates. Set in a customized, air-conditioned tent in Bonifacio Global City, the venue was divided into four different areas that carried tableaux of artistic interpretations for each development. Each was adorned with the contemporary furniture designs by Locsin International and natural-made ornaments that truly characterize each property. Montecito echoes a timeless serenity in white rattan. Abrio u... natural material to convey ... home. Ayala Greenfield Estat... club lounge feel with rolling ... grove Heights reflects a ... the use of natural materials ... Through these customized ... able to know more about ... what distinguishes them fro...

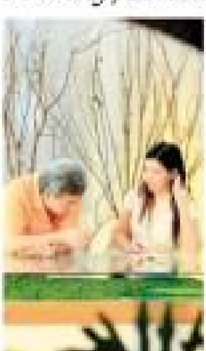
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GUESTS enjoy the charming ambiance set by Locsin International furniture and natural-made ornaments, which characterize each of the property developments.

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FAMILY and friends enjoy their Sunday in this specially-crafted exhibit of Ayala Land Premier properties.



NATURE'S paradise and great leisure living at Ayala Greenfield Estates.



GUESTS mingle while looking over each of the Ayala Land Premier tableaux.

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At Home with Natural Splendor



FAMILY bonding moment at the exhibit.



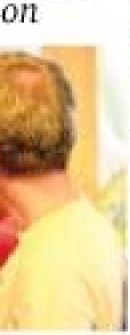






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BONIFACIO Global City was host to this exclusive exhibit of Ayala Land Premier's four signature developments: Abrio, Montecito, Ayala Greenfield Estates, and Ayala Westgrove Heights.







So far, so Wood

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"You're Beautiful."

The mix was horrible, to be honest. They where the only songs that I knew of, that consisted of that particular chord-progression. The songs were all in different key and speed and the song suffered heavily from too much pitch-bending and time-stretching. That's why I used all the songs in that first mashup later on, just not with each other. There are also some songs from my first compilation album that I wouldn't have released now, just because I think they are too dull and overused.

What's the creative process like? How do you choose the songs and how do you decide what to layer on top of another song?

The creative process is never the same for two mashups so it is difficult to describe it. But I have the ability to recognize (in most cases) the chord-progression when I'm listening to a song and that makes the picking of songs much more convenient. The whole layering process is just a very time consuming experience of trying and failing to decide what sounds good and what does not. It is also a conflict between what is catchy and what is experimental and I always try to achieve both. The whole creative process also evolves as I evolve musically. I hope and believe that my future mashups will not sound the same as they do today and I am always creating to take my mashups to another level.

Are there favorite artists or favorite songs you like to use? I've noticed that you've used "Beautiful Girls," "Say It Right" and "I'm Yours" in several different mashups.

No, I don't have any favorite songs or artists to use in my mashups. As you said, I have used some artists more than once, which I try to avoid. If I do use songs more than once, it is because I deeply believe that it will contribute something meaningful to the mix.

You also have a whole mash-up album dedicated to music from "Donkey Kong Country," can I assume that you love video games as well? Is there anything in particular about video game music that you like?

I am definitely a video game fan and I especially love old-school video game soundtracks, especially RPGs, like "Final Fantasy," "Chrono Trigger," "Lufia" and "Zelda." I have some ideas of making some of these game soundtracks into a music concept, but nothing is determined yet. I see video game music as an art of expression. I think game music is also a unique art in itself. Back in the days of 8- and 16-bit game consoles, game music had a distinct sound to it, which I find so appealing and nostalgic at the same time. I especially love the classic sound of the Commodore 64, which Timbaland used in "Apo Technology." I am also a fan of some of the great composers of game music like David Wise ("Donkey Kong"), Koji Kondo ("Zelda," "Super Mario"), Yasunori Mitsuda and Nobuo Uematsu ("Final Fantasy").

It used to be that mash-up artists would have to make bootlegs and hope that they would spread far enough to become famous. The Internet has obviously changed this, as can be seen by how you have a MySpace, a Multiply, you're on Facebook and on YouTube, and you have your own merchandise on Cafepress. Do you like basically being an Internet celebrity?

The mashup scene indeed got a very huge bump from the Internet. I don't think you can even talk about a mashup scene before the Internet. But it is basically the same principle now as it was before, the only difference is, if people like your work, you will get spread faster and to a wider audience. I just want to utilize everything that is available for me and I think it is stupid to not use all the promotion services Web 2.0 offers to aspiring artists.

You've stated that your goal is to become a music producer. Which artists would you love to work with?

That's a hard question. When I say I want to be a music producer it doesn't necessarily mean that I want to produce for other artists. Of course, I would love to produce for others, but I also want to make dance/house/electro tracks that make people dance like crazy. Just to mention a few artists I would love to work with though: Apple, Justin Timberlake, Owl City, Ben Gibbard, Lenni Gleeson (animator), DJ Dangermouse, Cyndi Lauper, Joseph Arthur, Kanye West and Nelly Furtado.

Does the legal "grey area" of mash-ups worry you? Do you think it's possible that an artist might contact you and say, "Stop using my songs!" and if that did, what would you do? How would that affect your work?

Honestly, it doesn't worry me at all and I can't go around and let the worries kill the creativity. With that being said, I am always trying to stay carefully to avoid any possible confrontations. I have never heard of artists that have contacted mashup artists concerning copyright infringement, but there are a lot of stories of record companies and lawyers who have threatened fellow mashup artists with Cease and Desist orders. If I get threatened by some copyright holders, I will do everything to avoid conflict, simply because I don't have the sufficient amount of money.

What songs or artists are on heavy play on your mp3 player? Are there any mash-up artists out there that you're particularly fond of?

The last six months I have been moving from hip hop, R&B, alternative rock, singer/songwriter to more dance oriented music. At the moment, I listen mostly to psychedelic trance, electro, house, drum and bass and psybient. Artists that are on heavy replay now are Infected Mushroom, Aerix, Shpongle, CPU, Pitchfork, Pendulum, Orb, Electric Universe, Stanger Brothers, Postal Service, Owl City, Bluetech, and Ross Jenkins. To be honest, I rarely listen to mashups anymore, but of course there are some mashup artists that I still adore and consider as huge and important inspirations like Party Ben, DJ Earworm, Loo & Placido, Lenlow, Team9, DJ Schmolli, Arty Fufkin and Phrequen, all of whom are worth checking out.

What's next for you? When can fans expect a new release?

Hmm. I don't know really. I am planning to move more towards actual music production and not only mashing. After I compiled all my latest mashups into the second album, "Appetite for Destruction," I am going to do more remix work, and try to do some mixtape-based project. Right now I am working on some remix-projects and some ideas for trance and electro tracks. I also have some ideas about how to take my mashups to another level. I don't know yet though if I have the skill to turn my ideas into a listenable product.

What advice would you give to aspiring mash-up artists out there? What are the pitfalls to avoid?

I believe that all the advice given to artists in general can apply to mashup artists too. Be creative, try to stand out from the crowd, try to not only satisfy yourself, but the people who are going to listen to you. Also do a serious attempt to market yourself with all the tools Web 2.0 has available. Listen to a lot of different mashup artists and learn all their tricks, and then try to expand beyond that and make your own style.

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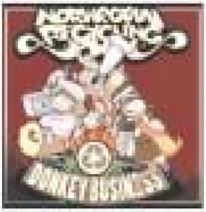
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MASHUP MUSIC to its best

2bU LifeStyle



I lost my Tito Joey to shabu

But it defined me as a person

By Jessica S. Santiago
University of the Philippines Diliman

When I was four, my jolly, playful, artistic Uncle Allan—or Tito Joey, as I fondly called him—would visit from school almost every day. He was my mother's youngest brother, my favorite uncle.

I vaguely remember the times he'd play the guitar as I danced to the rhythm and beat of his song. I remember the day I introduced him to my best friend, and how he played with us until my friend needed to go home. I remember him showing me the strands of my hair that my late grandmother had clipped into a thick encyclopedia in the hope it would make me intelligent, and how he laughed when I asked him that was possible.

These are the only happy memories I have of my uncle; after my sixth birthday, he was always too far away for me to visit.

Angry

Something different happened to my uncle the year I turned six: he grew thinner, his face began to wear an angry expression, he turned cold and quiet. The guitar songs and games we had played together ceased. In the rare times he seemed happy, I would sit on his lap and rest my head on his chest. But, as I sat there, I could smell the stench of cigarette smoke on his clothes.

Was it cigarettes that turned my dear Tito Joey into a stranger? No, it was something worse than that.

I remember the last time I saw Tito Joey before he was completely changed. He was sitting on our backyard one night on one of his frequent visits, brooding. He and my mother had just finished arguing. His head was resting on his hands. I went up to him and asked if we could play. I remember how he answered me; he didn't look up, he didn't look at me; his face was twisted in an angry expression, downcast. His only way of acknowledging me was to raise his hand slightly. He told me, "Punta ka, Jessica! Lalaro ka nga muna? (Come on, Jessica! Stay away from me.)"

Dumbstruck, I made my way back to the house, thinking that everything would be all right, and he would play with me tomorrow once he had cooled down. I waited and waited for his next visit. Then my mother finally told me that Tito Joey had gone to a rehabilitation program because of his addiction to methamphetamine—shabu. I was shocked.

Toll on family

My parents never took me along to visit Tito Joey in rehab. They wanted to protect me from seeing my uncle suffer, but they could not protect me from seeing how drug addiction could take its toll on a family as well.

There were times I'd see my mother cry. She would tell me that Tito Joey was in the hospital and that we could lose him.

Sometimes she'd tell me to pray for my uncle and ask God to help him recover.

At seven, I tried to understand what was happening. I could already tell that something was wrong. So I'd shut the wall over me and prayed, or I'd sit down and try to cry with her.

As I grew older, I became even more aware of the situation. I understood how difficult my uncle's addiction was. I overheard conversations between my mother and her two siblings, heard arguments over money, responsibility, finances, and how exactly my aunt and other uncle should handle the money for Tito Joey's medicine and care. This time I heard the fights over these issues and understood what was going on. I realized that the tension knocked me that my mother's family was breaking. I realized that Tito Joey had changed for the worse. His addiction left him sick. Shabu sucked all his energy, weakened his organs, and damaged his brain—he would never be the same again.

Unrecognizable

I had just turned 10 when I had the chance to see Tito Joey again. I was no longer the little girl he used to play with, and he was no longer Allan. He was unrecognizable. The body I saw

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As you mark 44 years of PIID's meaningful existence, may you be inspired by your outstanding achievements - individually and as a group - that have brought pride to our country and our people. I wish you all the best as you prepare to take on more challenges in your continuing mission of creating beautiful and innovative designs for your valued clients.

Congratulations and more power!

JEJOMAR C. BINAY
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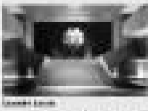
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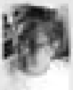
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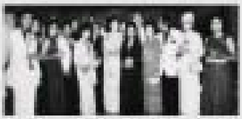


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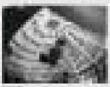



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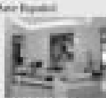


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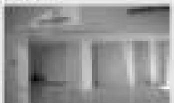

Turn of the 21st Century

Architecture



Interior Design



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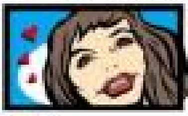



My boyfriend's mother hates me

DEAR JEWEL,

[illegible]

Dear Gaby,



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Jewel

DEAR JEWEL,

[illegible]

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Jewel

UP Masscom reunion

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES College of Mass Communication (UP CMC) [illegible]

I lost my Tito Joey to shabu

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SHABU claimed the life of the author's uncle.

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'APO OF THE PHILIPPINES'

Practice really does make perfect



THE APO: Almost four decades' worth of music-making

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Real treat

Enthusiastic crowd



JIM, Danny and Boboy are still going strong after 39 years.

COMIC Relief

GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



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PUGAD BABOY



DICK TRACY

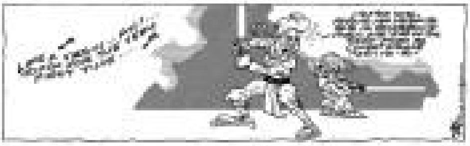




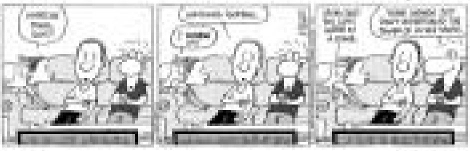
JAMES BOND



DIVINE COMEDY



BABY BLUES — By Jerry Scott

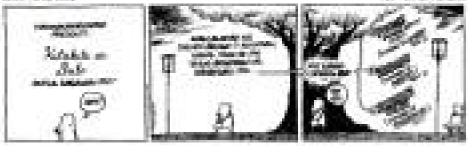


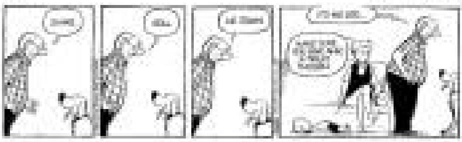


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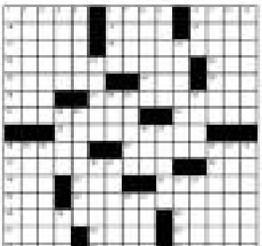


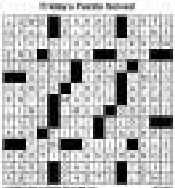
KIKO MACHINE — By Manix Abrera





DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCES DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Gift from Mother Nature

LOTUS POND



R. Valencia and S. Ramsari

Researchers

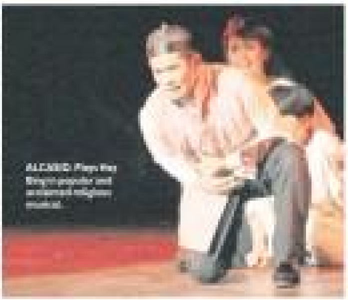
Pope appoints Filipina to Synod of Bishops



Most logical choice

Responsibility

‘Birhen ng Caysasay’ finally comes home to Taal, Batangas



Triumphant tour

Doubly special

Seventh edition of ‘Pelicula, Pelikula’ kicks off with quirky rom-com



Emotional temperament



Childhood

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Farm workers

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Sharon looks back–and pays it forward



Rare glimpses

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Less is more for underrated actors



HAYDEN: Smoldering presence

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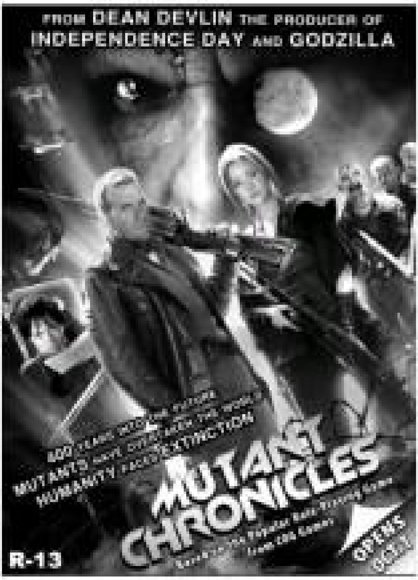
Best years

How not to end up as mere wannabes, has-beens and never-weres

Fame and fortune

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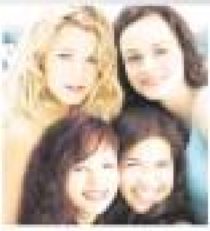




NOW SHOWING

Easy chemistry, winning performances buoy up soggy 'Sisterhood'

By Bibsy P. Ayala





STANDING, from left: Rudy DC Enriquez, Rolly Chiao, Anton Ting, Ted Jimenez and Henry Nagui. Seated, from left: Linda Dichoso, Emma Padilla, Leida Bacolon, Sara Delumpa and Agnes Dotimas.

Adding luster to our workforce

Street Smart



Mandy Navasero

FROM ASIA AND THE US TO Europe and the Middle East, overseas Filipino workers (OFW) provide the standard of excellence against which other workers are measured.

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Palsco has helped transform the nation's workforce from a formidable manpower resource because of its professional and ethical business practices. It's a primary source of well-trained and reliable workers, adding luster to the reputation of the nation's workforce.

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Easy chemistry . . .

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ELT) play "The Winter's Tale").

Director Sanaa Hamri's sequel to the 2005 original—adapted from Ann Brashares' best-selling novels that follow four friends who acquire a pair of magical jeans that fit all of them perfectly—is based on the fourth novel, "Forever in Blue," though it incorporates scenes from the previous two books.

This isn't the first time we're seeing the rustic Greek island, Santorini, as a backdrop to cinematic fable. In recent months, this forgettable paradise has witnessed Meryl Streep sing and dance her way to viewers' hearts ("Mamma Mia!") and provided a dreamy setting to SC Cunningham and Richard Gutenberg's romantic collaboration ("For the First Time"). This time, though, you see a more expansive view of these visually stunning white-wave houses and cobbles.

The film is occasionally bogged down by its trite, soggy and laughable bits, but excels on the easy chemistry and obvious friendship of its now all-grown-up leads. There's something endearingly sweet about seeing the once-precocious teen actresses blossom into witty young adult stars.

Bittersweet realities

As the innocence and naivete of childhood leave them, the fresh-faced protagonists are forced to deal with the harsh and bittersweet realities of adult life—and you root for them because you've been through similarly confounding rough patches yourself.

The life lessons they learn don't always come off with convincing profundity, however. Still, Damon's character provides an instructive reminder: "Carl, not easy, it's people you need a manual for."

Kristin Chenoweth is 'Wickedly' fun and sweet

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales



CHENOWETH. Originated the role of Glinda in popular stage musical.

Role

Album

Secrets

Roots

'Three Kingdoms' topbills Andy Lau



LAU (CENTER, WITH MAGGIE Q AND HUNG). Plays an "ordinary" man who rises to greatness in historical epic.

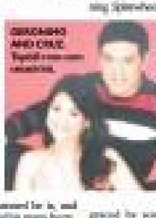
MONTAGE

'Nick Takes Over Your School'



SPONGEBOB SquarePants graced Nickelodeon channel's campus tour.

'A Very Special Love' on video



GERONIMO AND CRUZ. Topbill romantic comedy.

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